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We had a reception at home tonight for the National War College. The Senior Officer and Trip Director was Col. Milton C. Taylor. Our house was stuffed with Army and Air Force Colonels, as well as Navy Captains, and five civilian students from the Department of State. I ~~had~~ asked several Members of Parliament, Labour, Liberal, and Conservative, as well as Earl Jellicoe from the House of Lords, who is active in the Institute for Strategic Services. The Foreign Office sent ~~several~~ representatives; and Lord Mountbatten, with others from the Ministry of Defence, some of the Seniors from the War Office, including General Sir Richard Hull, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and from the Air Ministry, were on hand. We also had representatives from the 3rd Air Force, Page Smith, and others from CINCUSNAVEUR, our own Service Attaches, and a dozen Embassy Officers. It was entirely a stag affair, and the camaraderie appeared to be excellent. The announcer was a man who often comes and helps at large dinners and luncheons. Since there were lulls, as people drifted in, I had an interesting conversation with him about his service as butler for Lord Linlithgow, at Hopetoun, his Adam house in Scotland, and also when Linlithgow served as Viceroy in India. The butler served as his patron's loader; his recollections were like a Rowland Ward report on game bags. Linlithgow was considered a fine shot, but probably excelled by the Maharaja of Bikanir, whose performances were considered many years ago almost fantastic. The butler said that the Viceroy sometimes fired as many as 1,000 shells a day during the sand grouse drives, for which Bikanir was so famous. The ordinary snipe bag, when they took to the rice paddies, usually ran between 200 and 300 snipe a day, and ducks could be killed by the thousands.

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Tonight, I went to a stag dinner at Nuffield Club, 93 Eaton Square, given by the British American Forces Dining Club. The Joint Chairman, with Admiral Gaylor, was Air Vice Marshal J. R. Gordon-Finlayson. It had been understood that I would